## **REMARKS**

Claims 2-8, 11-13, 16-18 and 20-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3-6 are amended and claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 19 are canceled. No new matter is added. Reconsideration based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiners Moore and Vanderpuye during the June 14 personal interview.

During the personal interview, Examiners agreed that claims 2, 6-8, 11-13, 16-18 and 20-22 are in condition for allowance. Claims 3-5 are amended to depend from allowable claim 2 and claim 6 is amended to correct an informality. No new matter has been added. Further, claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 19 are canceled, and thus the rejection of claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 19 is rendered moot. Accordingly, all rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-8, 11-13, 16-18 and 20-22 are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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